

Sleeves Rolled Up

"Here To Serve", Part 1 of 4
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I) WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE TRULY GREAT?

The Path To Greatness According To Jesus

(Mark 10:35 - 45)

1) We typically associate greatness with ____ POSITIONS OF POWER ____.

"Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.' 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.'"

(Mark 10:35-37, NIV)

2) Positions of power aren't always ____ AS GREAT AS THEY SEEM ____.

"'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?' 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.' When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John."

(Mark 10:38-41, NIV)

3) Greatness comes from our ____ SERVICE ____ not who ____ SERVES US ____.

"Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.'" (Mark 10:42-44, NIV)

4) Jesus modeled greatness by ____ GIVING HIS LIFE TO SERVE US ____.

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45, NIV)

II) DISCOVERING THE GREATNESS OF SERVING

Rolling Up Your Sleeves And Preparing To Serving

1) The motive of a servant is ____ DILIGENCE ____ to the lifestyle.

"Serve wholeheartedly..."

(Ephesians 6:7a, NIV)

"No one can serve two masters..."

(Matthew 6:24a, NIV)

2) The measure of a servant is ____ DEDICATION ____ to other people.

"...serve one another in love."

(Galatians 5:13c, NIV)

3) The mission of a servant is ____ DEVOTION ____ to God's calling.

"It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them."

(Luke 12:37, NIV)